

## **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY, October 2, 2002**

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To: King County Schools, Principals and PTA Presidents

From: King County Road Services Division

Re: **Walk to School Day, 2002 Update**

King County invites you to participate in this year's Walk to School Day. It is not too early to start thinking about your school or agency's involvement in the Walk to School Day, October 2, 2002. The events can be scheduled for any time the week of September 30-October 4, with the featured day being Wednesday, October 2, 2002. Enclosed are some ideas to get you started.

Walk to School Day is part of a National and International Event stressing walking safely. In 2001, 37 schools participated from King County.

The event promotes safety and teaches children safe walking skills and how to identify safe routes to schools. It increases the awareness of how walkable a community is and where improvements could be made. The mission of the event is to promote physical activity through the easiest to do exercise - walking! Also to reduce traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools.

King County Road Services Division will be continuing with the theme "Walk Smart" in 2002. Since King County feels strongly about the positive elements of this event, we are offering several resources to enhance any activity you are planning to coincide with the national event. Please take a moment to complete the **Resource Request** and mail or fax it to us. Supplies are limited and are available on a first come basis. Requested materials will be mailed to you by mid-September.

Additional information is available on the King County Walk website:  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/traffic/walk/walkwk.htm> .

More information can be found on the National website. Be sure to **register** your activities at the National website so your school/agency can be recognized: [www.walktoschool-usa.org](http://www.walktoschool-usa.org)

Thank you for your interest in this program and your continued support of pedestrian safety education. If you have any questions, please contact  
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